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By the time you may see this, the Senate will have already given a counteroffer Monday morning, but tonight's House proposal puts both very close to settlement. I've spoken with Joe tonight so he can get the info to Mike.

The House conferees agreed to the Senate Required Local effort; The Senate 51-mill discretionary, but at a lower cap of \$283 instead of \$300 (significant state dollars in the \$17 difference) and keeping the .25-mill discretionary at the Senate level of \$100/FTE. The House also slightly lowered their position on student transportation albeit it's still higher than the Senate and lowered the SAI equity percentage by \$25 million;

Of particular note is the House maintained its \$210 million for e-comp, compared to the \$55 million in the Senate. No runs are being done during this period, but the results here place the House likely within 90% upward of the difference between the House and Senate runs from last month that you have.

If the Senate counters in the morning, the House is slated to give offer #2 late tomorrow afternoon. We are lobbying for putting the House \$155 million difference in e-comp into the Base Student Allocation and find another \$200 in NEW state revenue from last week's revenue estimating conference into the BSA (not likely, but trying), plus increase the district option of the 25-mill discretionary to \$150/student (about \$8.6 million for PBSD).

Will keep you posted.

Vern

